

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 5, 2006

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:02 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Mayor Armstrong. Mayor Armstrong recognized the fact that Council Person Jesse Brand's mother, Betty, had passed away and that was the reason for his absence.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell. Absent - Jesse Brand

Mayor read a Proclamation recognizing the Lego Robotics teams from St. Bartholomew School and Smith School. Each team member then got up and introduced themselves. Both teams are advancing to the next level of competition.
 - D. Minutes – Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of November 21, 2006. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO._____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, recapped the introduction of the Stutsman annexation request. He indicated the second reading would be on January 2, 2007. He also showed the maps relating to this property. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.35, 2006, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." Keith Reeves, Utilities Director, presented this Resolution. He reminded the Council the 2007 budget for Utilities had been introduced last Council meeting. George Dutro moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO._____, 2006, A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE MUNICIPAL TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BUDGET." Oakel Hardy – Mayor Armstrong indicated this matter had been resolved prior to the Council meeting and would need no Council action. George Dutro made a motion to remove the item from the agenda.

August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFORM PERSONNEL POLICIES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” Chuck Boll, Personnel Director and Eric Hayes, Assistant City Attorney, presented this Ordinance. They stated there were two (2) changes to be made to the personnel policy. Discussion followed. Craig Hawes moved to place in proper channels. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.37, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ‘THE 2006 SALARY ORDINANCE’”. Bill Martin and Oakel Hardy. Chief Bill Martin presented this Ordinance. He requested the 2006 Salary Ordinance be amended in order to increase the line item for College/Military compensation in the Columbus City Police budget by \$5,000.00 creating a new limit of \$128,650.00 in the 2006 Salary Ordinance and to increase the line item for Additional Service Pay by \$4,800.00 creating a new limit of \$36,294.00 in the 2006 Salary Ordinance. Chief Martin stressed that this simply needs to be done in order to not exceed the 2006 Salary Ordinance limits on those line items. There will be no additional tax dollars only a transfer in the line items. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to modify the Ordinance and move the last **WHEREAS** paragraph in front of the **NOW THEREFORE** in the body of the Ordinance. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion to amend the Ordinance passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Craig Hawes made a motion to suspend the rules and pass this Ordinance on first reading. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. George moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The Ordinance passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Presentation from Columbus Redevelopment Commission regarding proposed tax increment finance (TIF) bond issue to finance downtown parking garage and related retail project. Tom Vujovich, Redevelopment Commissioner, Terry Coriden, attorney for the Redevelopment Commission and Mike Claytor with Crowe Chizek presented the information regarding a bond issue for a parking garage. Discussion followed.
- B. Discussion on Telecommunications money. Tim Coriden and Bill Martin. Chief Bill Martin passed out an information sheet regarding the items needed for his department. Discussion followed.
- C. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- D. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting to be announced.- January 2, 2007.

E. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer